

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An automated method of settling a loan transaction by use of a computer system, in which each user of the system is pre-registered with a secure designation and credit information, comprising the steps of:

5       (a) inputting to the computer system an electronic trade ticket including trade data;

      (b) reviewing said trade ticket data and preparing a trade confirmation document, through a trade confirmation creator, using said data and adding information, if necessary;

10       (c) printing the trade confirmation document from the trade confirmation creator document data and information;

      (d) contacting the buyer and the seller for the transaction by e-mail to review the trade confirmation document;

15       (e) adding the data and information relating to the transaction to the buyer's and seller's inventory reports for the credit information of each;

      (f) revising, if necessary, said trade confirmation document, based upon comments from said buyer and seller;

20       (g) arranging for signing of said trade confirmation document by said buyer and said seller; and

      (h) thereafter producing and arranging for signing of an assignment and acceptance agreement and a funding memorandum, based upon a finalized trade confirmation document, in order to settle the transaction.

2. The method according to claim 1 wherein following said

revising step, the step of re-submitting said trade confirmation document to said buyer and said seller for review is performed.

3. The method according to claim 1 wherein the step of reviewing said buyer's and said seller's inventory reports is performed just prior to the ultimate step thereof, in order to revise said funding memorandum, if necessary.

4. The method according to claim 1 wherein, following the ultimate step thereof, the step of notifying said buyer and said seller of the effectiveness and settlement of said transaction is performed.

5. The method according to claim 4 wherein, following the step of claim 4, the step of receiving payment from said buyer is performed.

6. The invention according to claim 5, wherein, thereafter the step of adjusting the inventory reports of said buyer and said seller is performed.